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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of

Administrative Action

ALVAN FIELD, D.D.S.

CONSENT ORDER

Licensed to Practive Dentistry in the State of New Jersey

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of a patient complaint from Regina Tagliareni concerning the dental services rendered at the dental office of Alvan Field, D.D.S. Ms. Tagliareni was a new patient at the offices of Alvan Field, D.D.S., who made an appointment in response to an advertisement offering a cleaning and examination for Forty (\$40.00) Dollars. At the first visit Susan Miceli, R.D.H., took a medical health history from the patient, took bite wing X-rays, and performed a prophylaxis. Subsequent to the prophylaxis, the X-rays and health history were reviewed by Maryann Scaccia, D.D.S., a dental associate in the office. However, no clinical examination was performed. The Board reviewed the entire record concerning this case including testimony obtained during investigative inquiries attended by Dr.

Field, Dr. Scaccia, and Ms. Miceli.

It appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown; IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS  $\forall^{\mathcal{P}}$  DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1992, HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- Alvan Field, D.D.S., is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 for failure to establish a proper policy in his dental offices for the review of patient medical histories and a failure to establish proper procedures for the direct supervision of dental hygienists. Such failure could have had serious consequences in the case of this patient who indicated serious medical conditions on her health history including heart trouble, high blood pressure, cancer, and medications, and where there was a failure to obtain an accurate blood pressure recording and/or a failure to contact the patient's physician for the purpose of obtaining further information in regard to the patient's medical conditions prior to commencing dental treatment. The civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director of the Board of Dentistry, at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.
- 2. Dr. Field shall successfully complete eight (8) hours of continuing education in courses concerning the treatment of the medically compromised patient. These courses shall be approved

by the Board in writing prior to attendance and must be completed within six (6) months of the entry date of this Order. Dr. Field also shall be required to provide the Board with written proof of successful completion of the required course work.

William R. Cinotti, D.D.S.
President
State Board of Dentistry

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Alvan Field, D.D.S.